



October 9, 2013

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The latest crisis manufactured by Washington has gone on for far too long. There is no room for partisan politics and reckless games with the economy and middle class families and yet the games persist as families across our country suffer the consequences.

It is long past time for commonsense to replace ideology and for Congress to take the simple step necessary to end this manufactured crisis. Ongoing partisan posturing that led to this manufactured crisis is inexcusable and reckless. Both sides of the aisle must put politics aside and come together to take action. Our economy and Iowa families cannot afford these ongoing games.

Yet, it appears that far too many in Washington don't understand the real world effects these games have had on families, employers, and our economy. These impacts are real and they are affecting folks across the country. I would like to share with you just a sampling of the over 1,100 letters and phone calls I have received from constituents about how the shutdown has affected them.

As you can see, the effects are diverse and widespread – from closure of a Crisis Center hotline in Iowa City, Iowa; to a child's cancer treatment being put on hold at the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Iowa; to mothers and children seeing vital food benefits cut in Davenport, Iowa; to a Department of Defense counselor from Pella, Iowa no longer being able to provide services to our troops stationed overseas.

What is clear is that the effects of Washington dysfunction are real and persistent. It is past time for Washington to end this manufactured crisis and get to work on the priorities of the American people – rebuilding our economy, getting folks back to work, and moving our country forward.

I continue to stand ready to work on a bipartisan basis to get the basic work of the American people done.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Loebsack".

Dave Loebsack
Iowa's Second District